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**MODE OF ACTION OF METFORMIN IN TYPE 2 DIABETES**<sup>1</sup>Dr. Aqsa Khalid, <sup>2</sup>Dr Uqba Afzal, <sup>3</sup>Kausar Mir Janan<sup>1</sup>Allied Hospital, Faisalabad Medical University.<sup>2</sup>Allied Hospital, Faisalabad Medical University.<sup>3</sup>Rashid Latif Medical Complex, Lahore**Article Received:** October 2020**Accepted:** November 2020**Published:** December 2020**Abstract:**

*Against hyperglycemic specialists, the biguanide metformin is the most known and effective, highlights as first-line pharmacologic treatment for type 2 diabetes, adequacy and bearableness of which are all around tried, finished up with wellbeing and moderate. In contrast to the sulfonylurea and insulin, metformin isn't related with weight gain or it is very cordial to patients however its mechanism of action has been hard to pinpoint.*

*This study will center to investigate all the degree of proposed mechanism alongside novel selected in the field of medicine.*

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## INTRODUCTION:

Today's modernized urban society has a general issue known as diabetes type 2 mellitus that involve anomalies in insulin action, especially opposition [1] compares to raised blood glucose level for which hostile to hyperglycemia, broadly recommended is metformin, that reduces blood glucose level without expanding insulin discharge, and consequently at some point named as an insulin sensitizer [2]. Metformin indicated valuable impacts in type 2 diabetes, including weight reduction, improved lipid profiles, and upgraded endothelial capacity [3] Thus, metformin is presented for use in insulin-safe state even before the advancement of hyperglycemia [4]. It is reported that pace of hepatic glucose production was twice as high in diabetics than in controls and treatment with metformin reduced the pace of production by 24%, and fasting plasma glucose focus by 30%, additionally the pace of gluconeogenesis is multiple times higher in diabetics which is brought down by metformin by, taking everything into account metformin brings down the pace of endogenous glucose production by various pathways including lessened gluconeogenesis [5,6,7].

### Literature search strategies

The current study is based on the analyses of previous studies. The researches included in this article belonged to many international bibliographies, including the ones who had an emphasis on metformin and the management of diabetes type 2. These sources included, webmd, Medscape, PubMed etc.

### Selective Site of action of metformin

In both animals and human beings, pharmacokinetics of metformin is generally dictated by its dynamic through significant natural feline particle transporters[8] across the epithelium and subsequently decide paces of assimilation (plasma layer monoamine carrier (PMAT) and natural cation carrier (OCT3), they transport metformin into hepatocytes (OCT1) and from hepatocytes into the bile (multidrug and harmful compound expulsion [MATE] 1) and, at last, into the renal rounded epithelial cells (OCT2) and into the renal tubule (MATE2) [9]. Oct1 (otherwise called Slc22a1) mice show reduced adequacy of Metformin [10] and this work has set up a significant job for OCT1 in metformin admission and augment the special job of the liver as the essential site of action for metformin, summing up the impact via ingestion through the upper small digestive system gathered in enterocytes and then to hepatocyte therefore causes uninhibitedly, and is disposed of, with no

modification by the kidneys [11, 12]. The particular impacts of metformin in hepatocyte is clarified on the premise that erasure of the OCT1 quality in mouse significantly reduces metformin intake in hepatocytes and humans conveying a debilitated impact of metformin in bringing down blood glucose [13], overwhelming articulation of the natural cation carrier 1 (OCT1), is available in the hepatocyte cell (Fig.1) that encourage cell take-up of Metformin [14].

Despite the fact that the atomic characteristics of metformin was tricky, Zhou et al. detailed that AMP-initiated protein kinase (AMPK) was exclusively connected with the pleiotropic actions of Metformin [15]. Intracellular vehicle is intervened by various isoforms of the natural cation carriers (OCT) (for example OCT1 in liver or OCT2 in kidney). Once inside the cytosolic compartment, mitochondria then establish the essential objective of metformin to repress mitochondrial respiratory-chain explicitly at the unpredictable 1 level without influencing some other strides of the mitochondrial apparatus. This remarkable property of the drug prompts a diminishing in NADH oxidation, proton siphoning across the internal mitochondrial layer and oxygen utilization rate, prompting bringing down of the proton gradient ( $\Delta\phi$ ) and at last to a reduction in proton-driven synthesis of ATP from ADP and inorganic phosphate (Pi).

### Metformin and AMPK

It has been shown that 5'AMP-actuated protein kinase (AMPK) fill in as sensor of cell energy status and is enacted in circumstance of high energy phosphate exhaustion, for example, in muscle contraction during activity and hypoxia, going about as a person of metformin in hepatocytes has been viewed as a significant sign in smothering lipogenesis and prompting unsaturated fat oxidation [16], accordingly decreasing action of acetyl-CoA carboxylase and bringing down articulation of a lipogenic record factor just as restraining hepatic gluconeogenesis. Surely plasma glucose-bringing down action isn't altogether reliant on insulin yet in addition practice causes an expansion of glucose take-up in the skeletal muscle of diabetic and nondiabetic subjects through the movement of GLUT-4 to cell films. This movement of GLUT-4 is interceded through insulin-free phosphorylation and actuation of AMPK [19-19]. Hence, this enzyme is viewed as a wonderful pharmacological objective in type 2 DM.

### Metformin as an Insulin Sensitizer

Metformin brings down blood glucose focuses in

T2D without causing obvious hypoglycemia, known as an insulin sensitizer prompting reduction in insulin opposition and critical abatement of plasma fasting insulin level, credited of its constructive outcomes on insulin receptor articulation and tyrosine kinase activity, on phosphorylation of IR and IRS-1 by 100 and 90% separately interestingly insulin reduces phosphatidyl inositol 3-kinase (PI 3-kinase) action while metformin reestablished PI 3-kinase action in insulin-safe myotubes alongside basal actuation of p38 yet insulin didn't further invigorate p38 enactment in metformin treated cells. Since the impact of metformin on glucose take-up related to p38 MAPK initiation, proposing the potential job p38 in glucose take-up, exhibiting the immediate insulin sharpening action of metformin on skeletal muscle cell [20, 21].

An investigation of metformin treated liver cells exhibited that the mechanism of action of metformin in liver includes IR (1 miniature g/ml, metfor) tyrosine phosphorylation followed by specific IRS-2 actuation, and expanded glucose take-up through expanded GLUT-1 of every a focus subordinate way, impact of which is totally hindered by an IR inhibitor additionally basal IRS-2 mRNA, record was up-controlled by metformin likewise within the sight of insulin initiated Akt ,subject to phosphoinositide-3 kinase, considerably strengthen the insulin-animating movement of Glut-4 carriers from the cytosol to the layer [22].

#### **Metformin and Mitochondrial Enzyme**

In a progression of extensive new examination, Madiraju and associates [23], showed that imbue ment of metformin to the test rodent precisely in the convergence of restorative reach exactly reduced endogenous glucose production bringing down the plasma glucose levels subsequently raising plasma lactate and glycerol levels, without changing hepatic gluconeogenic quality articulation or cell energy charge.[23] Furthermore, the outcomes compellingly reported that metformin specifically represses the mitochondrial isoform of glycerophosphate dehydrogenase, an enzyme that catalyzes the transformation of glycerophosphate to dihydroxyacetone phosphate (DHAP), in this way moving a couple of electrons to the electron transport chain causing a reduction in cytosolic DHAP and an ascent in the cytosolic NADH–NAD proportion, diminishing the transformation of lactate to pyruvate and lessening the utilization of glycerol and lactate as gluconeogenic antecedents to glucose, controlling hepatic gluconeogenesis, consequently developing of glycerol and lactate levels in plasma. Long time metformin dosing recreates these corresponding

changes in the redox state, while expanding cytosolic redox and diminishing mitochondrial redox states ,consequently mitochondria gets oxidized comparative with cytoplasm [23]also study exhibited antisense oligonucleotide knockdown of hepatic mitochondrial glycerophosphate dehydrogenase in rodents brought about an aggregate like ongoing metformin treatment, and annulled metformin-intervened increments in cytosolic redox express, These discoveries were duplicated in entire body mitochondrial glycerophosphate dehydrogenase lab mice, the aftereffects of which are significant for the suggestion in restraint of endogenous glucose production to comprehend the mechanism of metformin's blood glucose bringing down impacts and give another helpful objective to type 2 diabetes [23, 24].

#### **Metformin and Irisin**

Irisin is a novel myocyte secreted hormone expected to be an ideal restorative objective of metformin free of AMPk enacted pathway in type 2 DM as an examination demonstrated irisin treatment reduced body weight and blood glucose in metformin-treated db/db mice,[24] showing metformin impact to upregulate irisin forerunner FNDC5 mRNA/protein articulation in muscle and improve irisin discharge autonomous from AMPK flagging pathway recommending novel mechanism of metformin.

#### **Metformin as a Glucagon Antagonist**

The liver is a fundamental organ that store glycogen and produce glucose later to the cerebrum during fasting particularly by the impact of hormone glucagon ,the failure of insulin to smother hepatic glucose yield is a significant etiological factor in the hyperglycemia said to be given insulin obstruction or type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) [25, 26], metformin ,the most often endorsed drug for T2DM, recommended mechanism was it reduces glucose synthesis through actuation of the enzyme AMP-initiated protein kinase (AMPK) has as of late been genuinely tested in a changed investigation [27], and subsequently novel mechanism by which metformin alienates the action of glucagon is advanced in which fasting glucose levels is reduced by hindering adenylate cyclase, subsequently lifting intracellular AMP hence decreasing degrees of cyclic AMP and protein kinases A (PKA) movement, repeal phosphorylation of basic protein focuses of PKA, and square glucagon-subordinate glucose yield in this way restraint of liver glucose production, from hepatocytes, the free of AMPK, proposing new way to deal with the improvement of antidiabetic drugs [28, 29].

### Metformin Inhibit Glucagon Signaling

A conceivable atomic mechanism of action currently rises out of late discoveries that place metformin to limit energy homeostasis and appeared to actuate a gentle and transient hindrance of the mitochondrial respiratory chain complex I that decline hepatic energy states and enacts the AMP-initiated protein kinase (AMPK), a cell metabolic calibrator (sensor), and gives a for the most part acknowledged mechanism to metformin action on hepatic gluconeogenic program [30, 31]. Nonetheless, this method of action by metformin has as of late been tested by mutational analyses, proof demonstrated that metformin-instigated restraint of hepatic glucose yield is interceded by reducing cellular energy charge instead of direct hindrance of gluconeogenic quality articulation. Moreover, late information upholds a novel mechanism of action of metformin including opposition of glucagon flagging pathways by instigating the collection of AMP, which restrains adenylate cyclase and reduced degrees of cAMP. Since both glycogenolysis and gluconeogenesis are controlled during the fasting state partially by the hormone glucagon, whose strange emission in T2DM is a main consideration in the pathophysiology of hyperglycemia, metformin creates its belongings by hindering glucagon flagging pathways [32-37], the hepatocyte plasma layer receptor get signal from the hormone that prompts enactment of adenylyl cyclase (AC), producing the second courier cyclic AMP (cAMP), and animating protein kinase A (PKA), in this way phosphorylates target proteins that work in show to build hepatic glucose yield [38], endogenous P site ligand (recommended to be AMP) particles containing an adenine moiety ties to the 'P-site' of adenylyl cyclase and repress its movement [39]. Despite the fact that the, the physiological or pharmacological importance of this administrative occasion has not recently been noticed [40-42], restorative degrees of metformin instigate a gentle vigorous pressure in hepatocytes, bringing about an expansion in AMP fixation to levels prepared to do straightforwardly hindering adenylyl cyclase. Various investigations recommend that the P site of adenylate cyclase may speak to a novel objective for the improvement of therapeutics for the treatment of insulin opposition and T2DM [43-48].

### CONCLUSION:

Metformin is the fundamental treatment for diabetes mellitus since numerous years; the away from of action stayed not well characterized. In any case, proposed fundamental impact of this drug is to diminish hepatic glucose production through a gentle restraint of the mitochondrial respiratory-chain complex I that outcomes into transient reduction in

cell energy status advancing enactment of AMP (lively sensor) otherwise called AMPK. Along these lines, enacted AMPK is accepted to advance transcriptional restraint of hepatic gluconeogenic quality and thus gluconeogenesis. Hindrance of hepatic glucose production by metformin is safeguarded in liver-explicit AMPK knockout mice firmly propose that other mechanism(s) are included, hence the abatement in hepatic energy status following restraint of the respiratory-chain complex I by metformin is likely the focal clarification for the intense reduction of hepatic gluconeogenesis by the drug. Furthermore, AMPK-subordinate mechanisms connected to the hepatic lipid digestion are likewise proposed, quite for clarifying its useful impact on insulin resistance, prompting the standardization of blood glucose levels, The information picked up from analyzing the essential mechanisms of metformin's novel method of action can assist us with growing new helpful drugs for the treatment of this unpleasant illness, some other proof clarifies restricting the action of glucagon, recommending the hindrance of mitochondrial complex I brings about deficient cAMP and protein kinase A motioning in light of glucagon. Additionally, incitement of 5'-AMP-enacted protein kinase, albeit superfluous for the glucose-bringing down impact of metformin, gives insulin affectability, predominantly by adjusting lipid digestion accordingly comprehension of the anti-gluconeogenic action of metformin in the liver and the ramifications of new revelations of metformin focuses for the treatment of diabetes mellitus will be gainful to the T2DM persistent.

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